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## Computers now give Walton-style care to the independent elderly

by Cheryl Cohen

For some people, aging parents can get to be a big hassle. For crying out loud, they talk endlessly about things they just talked about a second ago.

The kids have got things to do, and don't have time for listening about all their parents' friends that have died and all the things they used to do together. Some cringe every time the phone rings, because they just know it'll be Dad, needing something. A prescription or he's out of milk or wants to come over for lunch.

The adult children may not want to put their folks in a care facility; after all, they're not that heartless. They can't just let Dad rot, either. But there's got to be something in the middle, to get out from under all of the demands and hassle.

There are a couple of things they can do. The kids could hire something like "Safe At Home," a computerized monitoring service from Elizabeth Brumbaugh's Eagle West Enterprises in Lemon Grove.

Every day, Safe At Home, or other companies like it, will telephone anyone who is living alone or in questionable health to confirm his or her well-being. They also pitch the service for "latchkey" kid situations, to check on a children who get home earlier than the parents do.

But just wait a minute!

Whatever happened to the Walton-style concept that family members help each other? The one that says the parents take care of the kids first, and then kids take care of their parents when they get old? The one where the mom stays home with the kids until they're old enough to be left alone, and only then returns to work?

Where are the doctors who used to call on the infirm at their homes because it was the right thing to do, without an outrageous charge? Where the neighbors would be at the ready to help out whenever there's slack to be taken up, and could expect the same in return?

Unfortunately, it's rare that things work that way anymore. Almost everyone would like to be able to keep to those values, but priorities have changed sharply.

For many people, it's a choice between being able to work and put food on the table, or pay \$135 a week for child care. It may mean the difference between taking off and possibly getting fired from an unforgiving employer, or



Elizabeth Brumbaugh's computer will call an elderly client six times a day to make sure everything's all right. Photo by Cheryl Cohen

having steady employment and food on the table, and being able to buy those things that Medicare doesn't cover.

On the other hand, it may be the elderly themselves who may prefer a computerized monitoring service. Some would rather die than to give up their lifestyles. Some value their independence and will hang on to it dearly, no matter the cost.

Lots of people will deny they have hearing problems or have certain old age-related ailments, because it means admitting (even if only to themselves) that they're old. It's a matter of dignity; of not wanting to become a burden.

For some, it means they'd rather continue living alone, without having to give up their homes, or live in an extra bedroom in their kids' homes.

There is another solution. Kids could actually try calling their folks several times a day, and sincerely listen to them talk about their old friends. They could bring over some groceries, and lose some sleep going to the all-night pharmacy once in awhile. Maybe they could convert an unused room in their home, and move ol', Dad right in. With dignity, of course.

Let's face it; we're not all the Waltons. So, the monitoring service may not be such a cold option for some after all. Here's how it works.

The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Up to six times a day (more if you're willing to pay extra), the service will call the telephone number at designated times throughout the day or night.

A digitized recording of a human voice (it could be the kids, voice, or even the client's own voice, if preferred) says some-

thing like the example provided in the brochure: "Hello, this is your special computerized monitoring service calling. We are calling to check on Mr. Jones at 123 Main Street. If you are okay, please press 1 on your touch-tone phone now. If you need help, press 0, and we will alert the proper person. Thank you and have a great day!"

If 1 is pushed, the call is complete and nothing else happens. If 0 is pushed, the computer goes on alert and calls up to three relatives or friends (that will have keys to the Main Street residence) to notify them that Mr. Jones is in need of assistance now!

A "no response" call is recalled immediately. Then, after three tries, the emergency cycle begins. If a busy signal or no answer is given, the retry cycle begins, set at intervals specified by the client.

The Safe At Home program costs \$30 a month, and the only equipment the client needs to have is a touch-tone phone. There are other options available for 24-hour monitoring, or for over 6 calls per day. There's a slightly scaled-down version for the latchkey kid program, for a lesser price.

Brumbaugh started the service on Jan. 2 and feels good about being able to help people this way.

"I've found what I want to do for the rest of my working years", she said.

## Wild East County

### Sunsets delight from Cowles to Crest

by Cynthia O'Neill

Various spots in East County offer good vistas for sunset watching this time of year. A well-known author of wilderness hiking books, Jerry Schad of El Cajon, sheds light on not only where to congregate to watch our brightest star sink away but why the winter sky gives us such a great show.

"I've researched the good places to go quite a bit because I like taking pictures of the sun setting," said Schad. "It's a bit of a challenge to find the good places because mostly we have a gradual climb in elevation. You really need high peaks to see well."

For those with hiking boots and high energy, Cowles Mountain is a favorite from whose peak the hiker enjoys a panoramic view of the city. But hikers who need to get into more of the woods enjoy Woodson Mountain and Iron Mountain, just 10 minutes out of Lakeside on North 67.

To get to Woodson Mountain, find the paved road of 1.7 miles, starting across from the California Division of Forestry fire station. Iron Mountain is just as simple to reach; pick up its main trailhead near the intersection of 67 and Poway Road. The trail is 3.1 miles one way.

"It's easy to find because there's always a lot of cars parked there, lots of people hike up to watch a sunset," said Schad.

A flashlight is recommended, as it is pitch black on the way down.

If time limits one from angling up Woodson or Iron Mountain, Stelzer Park in Lakeside boasts a high enough vista to see some solar drama. On a clear day, one can see the blanket of color over the ocean as the sun winks away.

For driving up to witness a sunset, a favorite is Mount Helix. So close seems the sky that on wintry turning-into-spring evenings, the cirrus clouds tickles

the imagination. Often, the sky will fill with rows and rows of cottony puffs. They slowly glow pink from the sunlight brushing their undersides.

The cottony puffs are a type of cloud known as cirrus.

"They are part of the high cloud systems moving through, sometimes passing to the north," said Schad. "Light from the sun travels hundreds of miles through the height of the cloud, making it that wonderful rose color."

That's one reason why winter sunsets evoke the "ooooohs" and "aaaahs."

"The other reason is the air in the winter being cleaner and drier. There's often Santa Ana conditions blowing the clean, dry air from the desert towards the ocean," explained Schad.

In that way, magnificent clouds and colors are painted onto the sky's canvas.

One of the best kept secrets for drive-up sunset viewing is Crest just east of El Cajon. La Cresta Road points up above all the mountains and hills.

"You won't get a view of the light in the west because you'll be facing east and south, but you will see the light reflected in the sky above the mountains. It's a gorgeous place to see the light changing," said Schad.

In Fletcher Hills near Fletcher Parkway and Hacienda, there is an impressive sunset viewing spot. El Cajon Mountain is bathed in glory as twilight approaches.

Schad and friends know another secret. Water works wonders to reflect the majesty of a setting sun. Mallard ducks glide along the ruby sheen of Lake Murray's reflecting sun; crimson sky and water appear to be one. At Santee Lakes white egrets stalk fish in the orange, pink and purple jeweled lakes.

But don't go away once the sun has set. Nature's best show comes about a half-hour after the sun is gone.

## St. Patrick's Miss Colleen pageant deadline nears

by Joe Naiman

Irishwomen interested in reigning over the St. Patrick's Day Parade have until Feb. 27 to complete an entry form for the Miss Colleen Pageant the following evening.

The Miss Colleen Pageant is

open to single women of Irish descent and at least 17 years of age. The actual pageant will be held Feb. 28 at the Red Lion Hotel Ballroom.

In addition to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be held March 15 this year, Miss Colleen will serve as an ambassador for

the Irish Congress of Southern California, attending events and functions throughout the year.

Kathleen Bradley, who works at the Women's Club in La Mesa, is the pageant organizer. Additional information on the pageant can be obtained by calling 265-9049.

## Lemon Grove Fire Log

Sweetwater Rd./Palm St. Vehicle accident.  
7100 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.  
6900 blk. Central Ave. Difficulty breathing.  
8400 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.  
Hwy 94 WB/Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.  
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Difficulty breathing.  
3100 blk. Florine Dr. Possible heart.  
8300 blk. Adams St. Abdominal pains.  
6500 blk. Federal Blvd. Hazardous materials.  
7600 blk. Pacific Ave. Dizzy.  
Palm St./Lemon Grove Ave. Trapped victim.  
7800 blk. Bryan Ct. Fall.  
1600 blk. Skyline Dr. Traffic accident.  
2100 blk. Ensenada St. Assist elderly.  
8100 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Assault victim.  
8300 blk. Broadway. Vehicle accident.  
8300 blk. Broadway. Auto vs. pedestrian.

## Sheriff's Log

May 13, 1996

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Grand theft. \$3,500 value.

June 1, 1996

6800 blk. Cedral Pl. Petty theft. \$1 value.

Nov. 25-Jan. 2, 1997

3600 blk. Grove St. Petty theft. \$10 value.

Jan. 29, 1997

6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Grand theft. \$1,800 value.

Jan. 29-30, 1997

3500 blk. Grove St. Vehicle burglary. \$600 value.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1997

7500 blk. San Miguel Ave. Petty theft. \$214 value.

Feb. 1-2, 1997

2600 blk. Buena Vista Ave. Residential burglary. \$500 value.

Feb. 1-3, 1997

7600 blk. North Ave. Commercial burglary. \$12,350 value.

Feb. 3, 1997

2200 blk. Dain. Petty theft. \$300 value.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Lemon Grove City Council will hold a public hearing on March 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lemon Grove Community Center at 3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove.

**SUBJECT:** To consider an amendment of Section 17.24.060 (Accessory Buildings and Uses) of the City of Lemon Grove Zoning Ordinance to add regulations relating to the construction of carports in the Residential Low density (RL) and Residential Low/Medium density (RL/M) zones.

At said hearing, any interested person may appear and be heard.

/s/Christine Taub  
CHRISTINE TAUB  
Finance Director/City Clerk

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## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

		High	Low
Feb.	12	61	45
Feb.	13	75	42
Feb.	14	76	42
Feb.	15	88	47
Feb.	16	78	53
Feb.	17	63	43
Feb.	18	70	47

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## Lemon Twist

by Cheryl Cohen

Think you've got problems deciding what you wanna be when you grow up? Although the Solid Waste Authority is now "dead in the water", they want to resurface in the form of an association, or broker, or dealer (maybe it should be as a career counseling agency) to market trash. They're worried that with San Diego County's solid waste system for sale, and with its uncertain future, Lemon Grove could lose out if not involved in this proposed interim commission. The cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Poway, Solana Beach, National City and Vista have been discussing the need to develop solid waste disposal options, and along with it, the cost of an analysis of these alternatives (to be performed by (Tom) Webster & Associates), a not-to-exceed figure of \$64,000. Each portion of the fee would be based upon each city's average historical tonnage of trash delivered to a landfill for three months. Lemon Grove's share for the analysis will be \$5,314, which will come from the \$2/ton tipping fee reduction initiated by the County of San Diego in December, 1996. The city would accumulate approximately \$15,000 between the months of Nov. 1996 and April 1997 from these fees, which could support the entity until April. The new Coalition of Cities (Geez, pick a name and go with it, guys!) would also examine the possibility of hiring experts in the field of solid waste study and to recommend long and short-term solutions to "the looming crises". The Lemon Grove City Council voted 4-1 to approve a motion to come up with a proposal to appropriate the monies, some of which would have to be released from EDCO.

Talk about garbage! I was trying to catch one of those "Community Bulletin Boards" in the dead of night, the mute button on (didn't want to wake myself up, I guess), and instead saw a bearded guy wearing a crown, yammering on silently about something. Just as I was about to switch channels, I caught the amazing title, "garbage, I salute you", and the credits, which featured Jack Ofield. As you can imagine, that woke me right up. A call later to the Ofields revealed that this approximately 15-year old piece, was written by our own Helen Ofield, for the Environmental Action Committee, and the League of Women Voters, for the whole cause of recycling. Originally penned for the east coast, and later revamped for the west, it apparently self-defines recycling. Anyone knowing when it might be re-shown, please drop me a line! This is one video I'd love to review.

If you've been thinking about stringing your mother-in-law up (and who doesn't?), face down over the driveway by her hands and feet (just for some shade, of course), you may want to be present for the now-rescheduled public hearing on Mar. 4 at 7 p.m. Resolution No. 96-44, recommends council approval of a zoning ordinance amendment to establish standards for erection of unconventional carports in single-family residential zones. Be there, and bring your mother-in-law with you. She just might have something to say about this one.

Junior girl scout troupe 6760 led by Donna Lohman and the girls' parents, will fulfill their merit badge requirement for "helping an historic site and learning about local history" by raking, weeding, sweeping and mowing the lot around the 1895 Victorian parsonage at 7715 Church Street (corner of Olive) on Sat., Feb. 22 between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Wow, those weeds must be very important, and really, really old!

Consider giving the Lemon Grove Review your announcements, events, local news, happenings, letters and dirty little secrets first! Call or send them directly to The Review, or directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax), or cirious@cts.com (internet). Chances are, no matter if you put them to the attention of either Cohen the town gossip, Cohen the twisted sister or Cohen the real reporter, they'll get to the right place.

## Worship Directory

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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10:15 a.m.

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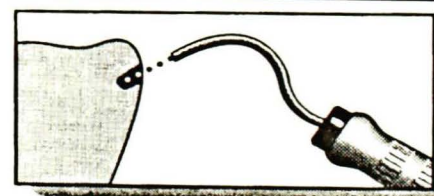
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**D**isplays for Black History Month around East County typically feature the faces of black notables like Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr. But Tubman, Washington and King never set foot in East County. Neither did Frederick Douglass, Stokely Carmichael or Malcolm X.

East County — the entire San Diego region, for that matter — has never been a magnet for black families. The black community has largely been associated with Logan Heights and Southeast San Diego, a demographic fact given birth in the late 1800s by housing discrimination north of Market Street.

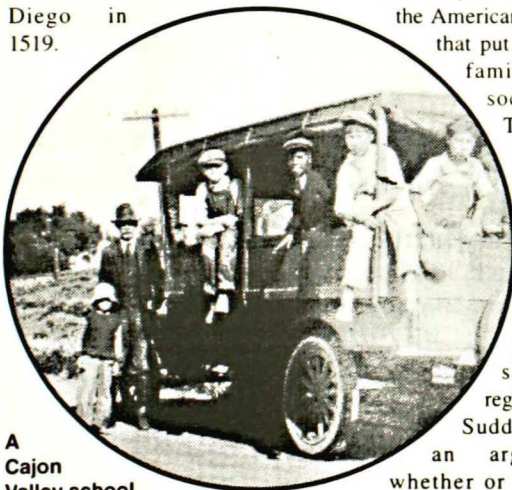
Census data indicate only 6 percent of San Diegans are black. East County averages about half that percentage, although the next generation may be very different. Grossmont Union High School District statistics show 5 percent of the students are black. The Lemon Grove School District was recently ranked the second most racially diverse district in the county, following San Diego Unified.

Black presence in East County has been long-term and persistent, uniquely marked by affluence and achievement. Maybe next February, when Black History Month is observed for the 22nd year, the displays will show a different face.

**C**ontrary to popular perceptions, the first blacks in San Diego were not runaway slaves or railway laborers. They were Spanish. They were explorers, conquistadors, priests and surgeons.

Spain was global power in the 1500s. It took eight centuries to shake off its North African conquerors — called "Moors" — who left a considerable cultural and genetic legacy.

Columbus had a black navigator guiding the Nina. Cortez brought black soldiers to San Diego in 1519.



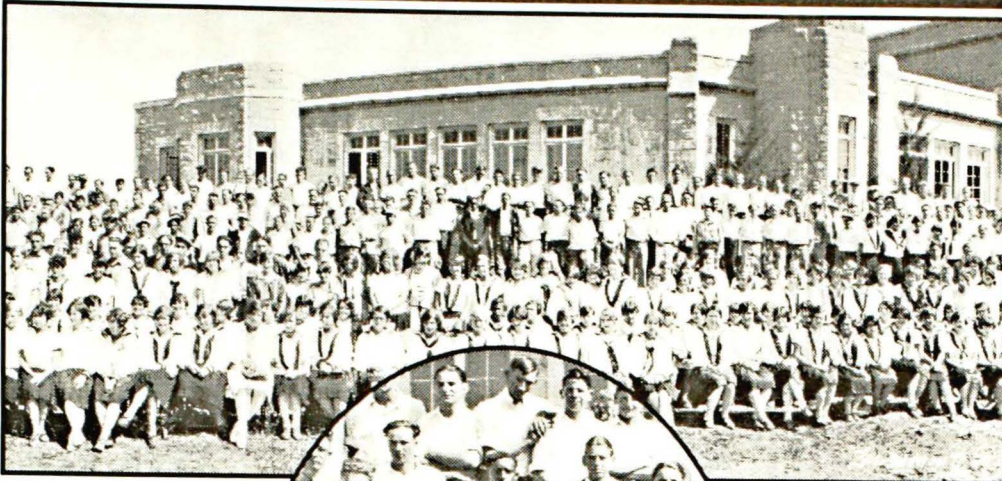
**A** Cajon Valley school bus in the 1910s. An unidentified black schoolboy rides inside the wooden cab mounted on a Ford chassis.

Three black priests, most notably Fr. Eusebio Kino, were on the forefront of Jesuit missionary activity in New Spain between 1678 and 1712.

The Spanish entourage that founded San Diego, led by Fr. Junipero Serra (for God) and Gaspar de Portola (for Country), included several prominent blacks. The captain of Portola's flagship, the San Carlos, was the son of a Spanish merchant and a Bantu princess from the Congo.

## BLACKS IN EAST COUNTY

### A BRIEF HISTORY BY STEVEN SAINT



**David Tucker stands dead center in this Grossmont High School photo from 1927. A black female tries to be one of the girls (inset, lower right). Another Tucker?**

The doctor on board was a descendant of Gold Coast Africans. Serra himself had a black servant-translator he called "Moreno," who accompanied him and Portola on their overland route to San Diego in 1769.

**M**any other blacks, of course, came to California as Spanish slaves. In fact, the word "Negro" was originally the Spanish term given African slaves. Mexicans banished slavery in 1823 after their independence from Spain.

Racial intermarriage was quite common in California under both Spanish and Mexican rule. Spaniards, blacks and native Indians were not hindered by racism and African blood flowed in the veins of many landowners, business owners and governors, including Pio Pico.

Ironically, it was the coming of the Americans from the East that put fetters on black families and their social expansion. The United States conquered California in 1846 after a war with Mexico, bringing its schizophrenia over slavery to the region.

Suddenly there was an argument over whether or not California would allow slavery. Slaveholders flocking to the Gold Rush wanted assurances that their slaves would not be instantly freed on the soil of the 31st state.

Despite the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, U.S. courts refused to recognize the land titles of some 189 blacks who had been Mexican citizens — "Californios." Early state law forbid blacks to own property, vote or testify in court (until 1863, only white testimony was admitted as evidence).

It was during the late Gold Rush period that blacks emerged as landowners and entrepreneurs in San Diego County. Between

1850 and 1880, the county's black population went from eight to 55. Mostly from the rural South, these blacks preferred rural East County. Rancher Fred Coleman discovered gold in Julian in 1869. Albert and Margaret Robinson built the Hotel Robinson, now called the Julian Hotel.

**D**avid Tucker attended Grossmont High School in the late 1920s. Grossmont was the only high school east of Russ High (now named San Diego High). The Tuckers were possibly the only blacks in the area and David was in the orchestra and on the track team.

He definitely made his mark. In a 1927 school photograph, he appears dead center among the hundreds of students, the only one wearing a dark suit.

Tucker drove a Model A to school in a time when only the most affluent quarter of the student population had cars. Classmates now in their 80s recall he somehow rolled the vehicle along a winding road on the Grossmont summit.

Tucker was a capable sprinter. The coach (there was only one for all sports) was looking for a way to encourage this Negro athlete. He told Tucker if he won the big race, he'd buy him a pound of pork chops.

No one seems to know what became of David Tucker and his family. When the Cloud family arrived in El Cajon in the late 1930s, they did not know of a Tucker clan in the area.

John Cloud was the first black sergeant on the San Diego police force. Soon after he retired, his young son, Ben, was diagnosed with asthma. Doctors recommended the family seek drier climates, and Cloud moved his

wife, Sarah, and sons Ben and baby Joel to El Cajon. John built the Ben Joel Rancho on 30 acres of grazing land where Lexington Avenue now crosses Third Street.

Ben and Joel were enrolled at the El Cajon Grammar School near Magnolia Avenue and Main Street. Ben recalls one, maybe two, other black families in the valley at the time. Joel remembers his mother advising them to tell people who asked that they were Indian.

**B**en Cloud graduated from Grossmont High in 1949. He entered the Navy where he eventually became a captain. As a naval aviator, he flew reconnaissance missions over Laos during the early Vietnam years. His most momentous flight was the time he got hit by ground fire and started losing fuel. Certain he could not make it back to the carrier in the South China Sea, he shot straight through the no-fly zone over North Vietnam, filming all the way.

President Kennedy took a keen interest in Cloud's photos of military buildup in Hanoi. Cloud later became the executive officer on the USS Kitty Hawk, where a "Black Power" salute ignited a race riot in the late 1960s.

There were some 20 black families in East County by 1960. Grossmont Hospital hired a black nurse from Boston named Leona Stapleton to head the pediatric nursing staff. A hospital administrator called Ben Cloud's wife, Rita, to assist Stapleton in finding a place to live near the hospital.

Rita was a substitute teacher in the Cajon Valley School District. She had encountered prejudice before, like the time her sons were picked up by police for no probable cause other than their skin color.

The Stapleton situation opened her eyes. As she showed the new nurse around various neighborhoods, they noticed how quickly the advertised vacancies filled up when they approached. One woman declared that her husband had accidentally left the "For Rent" sign up after signing a recent lease. Another confided that she did not oppose integration, but feared other tenants would leave if the nurse moved in.

With Stapleton on the verge of heading back to Boston, word got around to Simon Casady, publish-

er of the *El Cajon Valley News*. Calling it "People for People," Casady helped launch a petition drive to show support for fair housing. Cloud and others gathered signatures of people declaring support for integration and Casady published their names in the paper. Finally a doctor stepped forward to rent to Stapleton.

In 1969, Richard and Vickie Butcher moved to East County from Cleveland. Besides his regular medical practice, Richard became the team physician for Granite Hills High School. Vickie received a law degree from Western State University College of Law and worked for county Supervisor Leon Williams.

**I**n the 1970s, Rita Cloud became the chairwoman of El Cajon's Community Relations Commission. Mount Miguel High School senior Cher Wright was elected student body president in 1975. Vickie Butcher went on to become an El Cajon Planning Commissioner.

In 1983, UCSD professors Charles and Shirley Thomas held a reception for blacks in East County and had more than 100 people attend. The *San Diego Union* published a series of stories on racism in East County and profiled the Clouds, the Butchers, the Thomases and others.

According to 1990 census data, there were 2,449 blacks living in El Cajon, 1,528 in La Mesa, 1,835 in Lemon Grove and 557 in Santee (Spring Valley and Lakeside were lumped in with all unincorporated areas). The middle-class, professional character of this East County black community continued to surface in the 1990s, as 40 black business owners formed a networking group called "Third Friday." The group

**John Cloud was San Diego's first black policeman in 1931.**



became demoralized after the untimely death of leader Ed Frazier, the owner of a 7-11 franchise in El Cajon.

Last month, the city of La Mesa co-sponsored a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. at the La Mesa Community Center. Although the performers cut across racial lines, the center was vandalized with racist graffiti and swastikas.

# Friends of the Lemon Grove

## AT THE JANUARY MEETING

City Councilman Tom Clabby officiated at installation of new officers:

Pres: Harold Berg Treas.: Diane Bentley  
V. Pres: Dona Clabby Sec.: Fern Berg

Outgoing president Rosemary Putnam was honored for her many special interests in the Friends, particularly organization of book sales and fund raising activities, which she has promised to continue.

We voted to continue Friends' memberships in the LG Chamber of Commerce and LG Historical Society, both of which have community goals similar to ours.

Sonya Heiserman, branch librarian, announced that:

- Internet use is active as docents assist patrons in its use.
- We now have recommended reading lists for various age-levels (pre-school, grades 1/2, 3/4, 5/6). Find them in children's area.

Sonya requested that:

- Friends continue allotment of \$100 per month for purchase of new books. (\$600 through June)
- Provide \$24.14 for new holiday posters for children's area
- Provide \$36 for purchase of five books in Zion Covenant Series (historical fiction).

All requests were accepted and approved.

Sonya announced that coins which trickle in, 50c at a time, as videos are borrowed, in a year have amounted to \$1500. She is now using that fund to purchase new educational films for our library.

The library also welcomes donations of used videos, CD's, books on tape. It cannot accept home-taped material.

Harold Berg and Rosemary Putnam, who attended recent County-level meetings, said discussions there included:

- Action to recover missing and overdue books throughout the county.
- Patron payment of costs of special services, such as postal notification upon arrival of requested books.

Harold pointed out that the community room bulletin board now has a section devoted to notices, incoming mail, even pictures, relating to Friends of the Library activities. It's a good place to check to keep up to date.

We will discuss at our next meeting the possibility of instituting lifetime membership as an option of membership in the Friends.

Annie Quintana, whose warm personality comes right over the telephone, calls active members each month to remind of meetings. She asks that we inquire of new members, as they join, whether they want to be called.

**Next Meeting: February 27**  
**L.G. Library**  
**9:00 a.m., Community Room**

## Looking for March, 1996, issue of National Geographic magazine

The library's set of back issues of "National Geographic" is missing the March, 1996, issue. Friends have been watching the magazines donated for book sales but haven't found that issue. If you have one stashed among your back issues, the library would welcome its donation.



## Were you at the Jan. 25 book sale? Have you seen "Curious George"?

A library book checked out to Elizabeth, a very small girl, disappeared while her mother shopped at the January 25

book sale. It may have gotten into another shopper's bag of books by mistake. If "Curious George" went to your house (and he is just the kind of monkey to do such a trick), please bring the book back to the library. Elizabeth's mother would rather not pay a lost-book fine.

## January Meeting (cont'd)

Both Harold Berg and Mary Vinson, who edits the newsletter, asked for more book reviews. They need not be from members. Harold suggested that favorite magazines or reference works could be reviewed.

We have put into effect a new system for marking books donated for the book sales. Those with one stripe have survived one sale; with two stripes, two sales. Three stripes and they are out, passed on to another charity.

## Notable quote:

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Groucho

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Since 1994, the County Library has charged a 50-cent insurance fee for 2-day check-out of a video. In the past, the money accumulated into a video replacement fund from which a County committee purchased new videos. This year, the branches expressed a wish to do their own ordering of videos.

Well, in the last year, Lemon Grove Branch has rented \$1500 worth of videos! So--I am ordering from a selection list for our own branch and will be ordering classics, travelogues, Shakespeare, children's educational and fun films, Lamaze instruction, sign language, and other much-needed videos.

In February, I will be ordering a few new video titles in Spanish. The emphasis is on educational and other topics not available at private video rental outlets.

It is hoped that our patrons will enjoy getting some new videos. I am always open to suggestions if there are topics you think we need in video format.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Chamber will help you

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The chamber's policy has

always been to assist in any grand opening of businesses in Lemon Grove. The chamber will provide ribbon, our extra large chamber scissors, labels for flyer mailing and the office contacts Miss Lemon Grove, the chamber president and chamber board directors and members, the mayor, city council and city hall staff.

The chamber office just needs

to be notified in advance. The business does not have to be a Chamber member to receive this service. The chamber will continue to assist business in the community with grand openings, information, special events, and aid in problem solving whenever possible.

The chamber members and staff were invited to the Hollywood Video grand opening by the city of Lemon Grove.

JAMES BUTCHER  
Chamber president

*Editor's note: Thanks for clarifying the chamber policy. I don't think our brief story, "City, chamber laud Hollywood Video opening," contained "several errors," however. Your letter confirms the point of my editorial, "This is not Hollywood" — Hollywood Video got a lot of PR from City Hall (including the inviting of chamber officials), and a lot of small businesses in town are wondering why.*

## It's to tickle our fancy

On Jan. 21 I sent a short letter to Cheryl Cohen that read as follows:

"I read your 'Lemon Twist' (Jan. 16). I love it! I must share a comment from a friend of Father's.

"He said he read the part stating you were going 'to make things up,' but did not take it literally until he read the rest of the column. Then he commented that, about halfway through the rest of

the column, reality set in. 'She is mixing fact and fiction to tickle our fancy.'

"What a twist ... Can Lemon Grove laugh at itself? I can."

I respect Judy Koons and applaud her for her countless hours and untiring devotion to the chamber and almost every civic event in Lemon Grove. I, in no way imaginable, mean this to be disrespectful to her point of view ["Cohen the town gossip," Feb. 13 issue]. However, since I expressed my viewpoint in a prior written memo, I believe it should be expressed publicly.

CRAIG LAKE  
Lemon Grove Councilman

## Immoral, unethical

The party is over, and there's nothing to show for it.

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This arrogant misuse of public funds is immoral, unethical, and indefensible.

JACK MOORE  
Lemon Grove

## Here's the facts

I would like to address the 1996 Lemon Grove Holiday Party

for city employees. The party was held on one of the Hornblower Dining Yachts. This party was paid for by a refund from Worker's Compensation insurance, the results of a safe working record by city employees for 1992-1993-1994.

The 1996 party cost \$7,770.42. The total compensation refund was \$13,270. The remaining \$5,499.58 was deposited in the City's general fund.

In 1990, a similar party was given for city employees from another Worker's Compensation refund. The cost of this party was \$5,734, it also was held on a yacht.

I felt since the safe working record of city employees resulted in the refund, this kind of recognition would encourage continued safe working policies. This is not to say I would support a party with each refund.

These city employees repair our streets, maintain city parks, respond to emergencies through fire and police protection, graffiti abatement and other vital city services.

I think we are all aware of the importance of safety in the work place, and the devastating effects on employees and their families in the event of an accident.

If you would like to give council your input on this matter, or any matter of interest to you, please contact me or any other councilmember.

DWIGHT SHELLEY  
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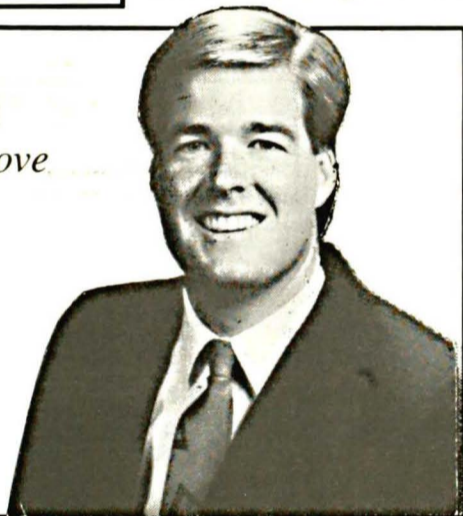
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Notice Of Trustee's Sale Apr 577-240-19-00 Trustee Sale No. L-5052 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 09/06/94. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer! On 02/27/97 at 12:00 PM, Robert E. Weiss Incorporated as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 09/23/94 as Document No. 1994-0566243 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed by James M. Scarborough, a widower, as Trustor, First Alliance Mortgage Company, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) at: At the Entrance to the City Hall East, 300 North Coast Highway, Ocean-side, CA all night, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: The North 100.00 feet of the West 75.00 feet of the East 150.00 feet of Lot 24 of Moody's South Addition to Lemon Grove, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map thereof No. 1290, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, October 7, 1910. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 7331 Lansing Drive, Lemon Grove, Ca 91945

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: \$84,616.37 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 01/29/97 Robert E. Weiss Incorporated as Trustee, 920 Village Oaks Drive, P.O. Box 3269, Covina, CA 91724 (818)967-4302 by: Cns A. Klingerman C253393 26, 213, 220 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The Name of the Business:  
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MANUEL M. RIOJAS  
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This business is conducted by an Individual  
The transaction of business began on: N/A

Signature of Registrant:  
MANUEL M. RIOJAS

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Assigned File No 97002897

The Name of the Business:  
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located at: 3710 Hilltop Dr #10 in  
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CHARLES M. SPITZER  
3343 GRANADA ST  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92104

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The transaction of business began on: 1-31-97

Signature of Registrant:  
CHARLES M. SPITZER

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Assigned File No 97002988  
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1671 PRIMERA STREET  
LEMON GROVE, CA 91945

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The transaction of business began on: August 1, 1996

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SUSAN M. MCCLURE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 96-09795 Loan No. 6364367 Title Order No. 03026892 Investor/Insurer No. 0443069250731 APN No. 475-460-30-07 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/23/91, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING, AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Marci Ann Arrington, a single woman, dated 12/23/91 and recorded 01/07/92, as instrument No. 1992-0006630, in Book 12722, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California, will sell on 03/13/97 at 10:00 AM, at the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, California at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 8186-C Lemon Grove Way, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances, at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$107,791.42. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065, Phone: (800) 281-8219 ext. 2686, Sale Information: (916) 387-0236. By: Guishan Comejee, Trustee's Sale Officer. Dated: 02/19/97 ASAP244896 2/20, 2/27, 3/6

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# M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary

Common sense says that a newspaper columnist should never disagree publicly with her editor. I understand this advice, however, my job as this city's mayor does not allow me to stay quiet on a recent article called "This is Not Hollywood" [Feb. 6 issue].

Editor and publisher Steve Saint took City Hall to task for attending the grand opening of Hollywood Video and not doing the same for another new video store on Broadway called Video Time. He felt that the city was promoting the "big guys" at the expense of the small businesses. I respectfully disagree with this point of view.

The city assists in grand openings anytime the owner makes such a request. It is my personal practice to attend a grand opening, or have a representative attend if I can't, any time I am asked. I have attended grand openings ranging from restaurants to preschools to churches. Please note that the operative word here is "request." If a business owner doesn't let City Hall know they are celebrating the opening of their business, we don't know to be there.

It appears, however, as though some businesses are slipping through the proverbial "grand opening crack." I would suggest that the crack be mended by doing a few small things:

Inform those applying for business licenses in our commercial areas that their elected officials will attend a grand opening if invited;

Work with the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate support for their member's grand openings;

Inform the press about any grand opening we are aware of.

P.S. Dear Mr. Editor: I have not yet rented a video from Hollywood Video, but I have rented from Video Time. I do agree with you that patronizing our small businesses is vital to their success. The large businesses will survive because of what they are. We don't need to "Wal-Mart" Lemon Grove if it means losing our small town atmosphere. Respectfully, Mary Sessom, Mayor and Columnist (still)?

Editor's note: I certainly hope readers don't assume that I personally agree with every opinion in this paper. Agreement is not what we seek, but the free flow of news and views. Everyone is welcome here. Just try to get it to us by Friday.

# B Words

by Bob Burns

The COPPS are here...

In 1892, Sir Robert Peel, a founder of modern-day law enforcement, established a set of principles: "The people are the police and the police are the people. The police are only a part of the people who are paid to give full-time attention to issues that are incumbent upon every citizen."

This is what COPPS is all about. Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving is what the philosophy entails. It is a sharing of responsibility between residents, business owners, and law enforcement to maintain public safety, reduce fear, and to improve the quality of life in the community.

On Valentine's Day, the newly opened satellite branch of the Lemon Grove Sheriff's station held an open house. It is located in the shopping center on Sweetwater Road where it meets Jamacha Blvd. At 531 Sweetwater Rd. in Spring Valley, it is located between the 1-hour Photo and Supercuts. A storefront facility that is available to the public with many services. I was especially impressed with the rack of crime prevention brochures that cover everything from reporting suspicious activity, to crime prevention for seniors, to getting help in a hurry with 911.

Sgt. Frank Bird seems to be the top deputy, and he is assisted by Lori Ross (of RSVP fame) and Kevin Carter among others. Of course, our seniors turned out in force (not a good choice of words for us old fogies) to eat the cookies and applaud the new attempt to get closer to the public. The Spring Valley volunteers and the Lemon Grove contingent work closely together in sharing patrol responsibilities. Very often there will be interchange of beats, and

fill-ins when there are problems in filling out the schedules.

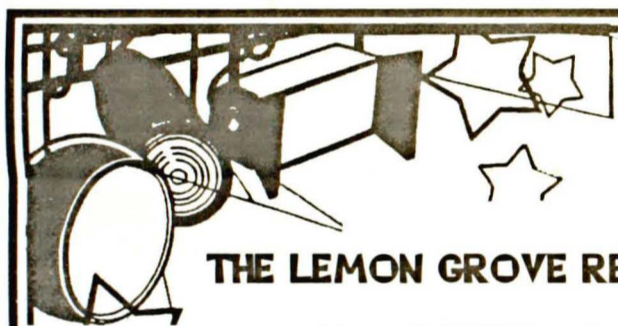
The Goodman twins do a very nice job of ramrodding the groups, and are very close in working together. Bill is the one who we are having trouble keeping upright and in service, so we must all work the harder to keep him going. Please, guys and gals, try to refrain from stirring up his ulcer ...

Volunteers and neighborhood activists are reducing crime. As the Peel Manifesto indicates, we have to if it is going to work. Other than a situation where there is a policeman to shadow every citizen, 24 hours a day, they need our help. Getting involved is a must. It is much better to call in a suspicious goings on, that is innocent, than to let one go by that has dire results.

Statistics show that this kind of activity works. Wherever it is put to use, the crime rates drop. Criminals are afraid of eyes and ears. That is precisely what we are, everyone of us. Better several innocently fearful calls be found OK than one serious situation be disregarded. The COPPS idea is an excellent tool for us all to get involved. Drop by the new storefront on Sweetwater Road and see what possibilities are out there for every citizen to help curtail crime.

I would invite anyone who has any questions and is reluctant to bother a deputy or any other law enforcement person to talk to a RSVP volunteer. You see them every day driving around the community. Hail them and ask ... you will get a straight answer and you will be made more comfortable in living here in the Lemon Grove-Spring Valley area. We are your neighbors and friends, and our needs are the same as yours.

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